REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 4-13, 16-25 and 28-36 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 14-15 and 26-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1, 14-13, 16-25 and 28-36 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 8-10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20-22, 25, 26, 28, 30 and 32-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Shrader et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,473,894 ("Shrader").

Applicants submit that Shrader discloses "testing of applets or application in a data processing system" having "URL test array utilized by test/run program" (col. 1, lines 8-10; col. 4, lines 39-41). Shrader further discloses "URL test array is created by test/run program when it reads test input file . . . contain[ing] the URLs and parameters for testing, but *may not contain a number of times for repeating* the test or execution, which may instead *default to a predetermined number*" (col. 4, lines 39-52; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, in pertinent part, recites, "the input file further includes special commands having a loop command to cause execution of the first program including repeating of instructions for a number of iterations until occurrence of an endloop instruction, and a sleep command to cause execution of the first program to pause for a specified time" (emphasis provided). Shrader does not teach or reasonably suggest the input file having special commands including a combination of a loop command to repeat the instructions until an endloop instruction has occurred and a sleep command to pause the execution, as recited by claim 1. Shrader discloses an input file

that does not contain the <u>sleep command to pause</u> or <u>the loop command for repeating of</u> <u>instructions until an endloop instruction has occurred</u> as recited by claim 1 and, at best, <u>Shrader</u>'s input file *may default to a predetermined number.*

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that, for at least the reasons set forth above, the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

With regard to independent claims 13 and 25, they contain limitations similar to those of claim 1 and accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 13 and 25 and their dependent claims be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 3, 15 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shrader et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,473,894 ("Shrader") in view of Klemm et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,457,142 ("Klemm").

Claims 7, 11, 19, 23, 31 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shrader in view of Barskiy et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,205,412 ("Barskiy").

Claims 5, 12, 17, 24, 29 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shrader in view of Logan, U.S. Patent No. 6,601,018 ("Logan").

With regard to claims 3, 15 and 27, they have been cancelled without prejudice.

With regard to claims 5, 7, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-24, 29, 31, 35 and 36, they depend from one of the independent claims 1, 13 and 25 and thus, include all of the limitations of the independent claim from which they depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 5, 7, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-24, 29, 31, 35 and 36 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the application be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
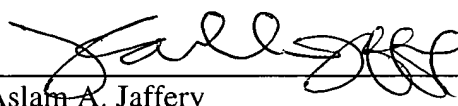
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